(54) Title: INTERCEPTION SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING USER INTERFACE

(57) Abstract

A method of intercepting pre-existing computer instructions in order to modify and/or enhance pre-existing program units (30) and supply user entry points determines, in one or more embodiments, if a reference can be found in a program unit (30). If so located, the corresponding method provides user code entry points (steps 72, 78) before and after the intercepted instruction, perhaps in modified and/or enhanced form, is executed (step 76). Blocks of user supplied code can be provided at the entry points to enhance, upgrade, and/or expand upon the inctercepted instruction, thereby enhancing the pre-existing program unit (30).

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INTERCEPTION SYSTEM AND METHOD
INCLUDING USER INTERFACE

Field of the Invention

The invention relates to single and
multiprocessor computer systems that supply system
5   services to requesting program units running on or in
such systems. More particularly, the invention relates
to methods of enhancing or modifying the run-time
operation of selected, pre-existing program units.

10   Background of the Invention

Computer systems have, over a period of years,
evolved from stand-alone individual processors to
various forms of multi-processor systems. Many
computer systems use program units, sometimes referred
15   to simply as "programs".

The program units contain computer
instructions which the computer system can execute in
order to perform specific functions. These program
units may have been created from other program units.
20   However, in most cases, a human being was involved at
some point in the creation of the set of computer
instructions being executed.

Program units are intended to meet certain
known or projected needs when implemented. However,
25   most program units designed in the past or being
designed in the present will not conform to all future
needs.

Prior art systems have approached the need to
be flexible to deal with future needs in many ways. In
30   many cases, prior approaches have not been cost
effective and/or do not allow the user many options on
their implementation.

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The evolution and combination of new hardware systems, new operating systems, new program units, new system procedures, new data structures, or new user interfaces may require that the original program units

5   be modified, recompiled, or worse, abandoned due to compatibility and/or cost related problems. Some of the prior art approaches require extensive training on both the use and implementation of these methods. Some users may not be able to afford the time, money, and human

10   resources to implement the prior art approaches.

This need for flexibility in updating or modifying existing programs is especially apparent in multi-processor distributed systems. Several different types of problems have provided the impetus to the drive

15   toward multi-processor systems.

One impetus has been a desire to share information more effectively among diverse users. An approach to this problem has been to couple a variety of processors, which may or may not be the same, together

20   via a local area network. Such networks enable many different individuals and their associated processors to have access to common information and to have access to one another.

Yet another impetus toward multi-processor

25   environments has been a desire to create highly reliable computer systems out of less reliable components. Such systems are typically used in environments such as banking, transaction processing, or inventory control, wherein reliability is of paramount importance.

30   One such family of computer systems is marketed by Tandem of Cupertino, California. Tandem systems can be implemented in stand-alone, multiple processor configurations, or as multiple interconnected nodes. Each node corresponds to one or more multiple

35   processor systems.

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Where major program systems, which might
include dozens of program units, to support multiple
remote transaction terminals or inventory control
functions are installed and running on a production
basis in a multiple processor environment, the above-
noted problem of updating and maintaining program units
becomes very difficult and expensive to solve. For
example, a new operating system might be adopted by the
hardware vendor. In such an instance, the system
operator might have to install the new operating system
to receive continuing support and operating system
maintenance.

If the change in operating systems is not
transparent to the existing program systems, they may
need to be modified or recompiled. This process is not
only expensive and time consuming, but in a multi-
program, multi-processor environment can result in
errors which could cause catastrophic results.

In addition, where the software had been
obtained from a third party vendor, the user might not
have the source code or documentation necessary to make
modifications, expansions, or recompilations. Worse
yet, the third party vendor will, in all likelihood, not
continue to support or provide new releases to the user.

Thus, there continues to be a need to be able
to safely upgrade or modify existing programs in a cost
effective fashion as the requirements or the environment
change. Preferably, this need could be met by system
operating personnel without a need to return to the
original software vendor or to modify the original
provided program units.

In addition, in a multiple processor system,
the operating environment is continuously changing. As
a result, the mix of resources, available processors,
and the like, available each time a program unit or a

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process is initiated, will be different, depending on
what other program units or processes are active at any
given time.

Thus, there is continuous problem of resource
5   allocation and management which must be addressed in
such systems. One known approach, marketed by the
assignee of the present application under the name of
"Automatic Network Balancing System" for Tandem
computers, provides resource allocation services and
10   resource management in such environments based on
predetermined and fixed allocation methods.

In the known automatic network balancing
system, the performance factors which are taken into
account to select the best or most appropriate processor
15   to which a process is to be allocated, include
availability or busy state of a given processor,
available memory, swap rate, dispatch rate, memory queue
length, jobs that are available on the ready list, as
well a number of others. The various performance
20   factors are evaluated using a weighing system. The
processor which appears to be most appropriate is then
selected to run the process.

The known load balancing system has been very
successful and can be used to substantially increase
25   performance of Tandem-like systems. Nevertheless, the
method of selecting the most appropriate processor to
be allocated to carry out a given task does not take
into account site or user needs for diversity or
customization between one installation and another.
30   Thus, there continues to be a need for a more
flexible approach which can take into account variations
from site to site. Preferably, such an approach could
be implemented to allow site specific input to the
processor selection process or to expand upon the
35   services provided to a given process which is being

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executed. Preferably, the implementation will be
transparent to the respective process.

Summary of the Invention

This invention is directed to an apparatus and
a method of run-time interception of pre-existing
computer instructions in program units in order to
support user hooks or entry points which can be used to
modify and/or enhance the originating and/or receiving
program units, at the user's discretion. As a result,
the program units can meet the user's present needs and
allow modification by the users, on an as needed basis,
to support the future needs. Using the present
invention, this can be accomplished without requiring
the support and/or guidance and/or expertise of the
original authors and/or inventors of the program units
being intercepted or any additional physical,
electronics, or mechanical device.

The above result is achieved by intercepting
system service calls which are made by executing program
units at run time when the program units request that
the operating system of the computer system provide a
service on their behalf. The interception can take
place in the main program units, user library program
units, system library program units, or a combination of
the program units listed above.

The method also contemplates that the
interception of the system service calls and user hooks
or entry points would be placed in several types of
program units. This gives the users many options as to
where the interceptions of the system service calls will
take place. Further, it allows the user to implement
the invention on a program unit by program unit basis,
if desired, or to implement the invention on a system by
system basis.

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In accordance with one aspect of the invention, an apparatus and a method are provided for altering or translating one or more steps of a pre-existing method for carrying out a predetermined function. Site or user defined steps or functions can be incorporated into the process for customization or specialization.

The method can be used, for example, for allocating resources within a multiple processor computer system. In other aspects of the invention, different types of functions can be implemented beyond those specified in the pre-existing method.

The method includes detecting a step which is a candidate for alteration. The alteration process could include carrying out a different function from that which the step initially requested, or for translating or expanding upon the step.

A determination is made if a previously defined, user supplied, pre-alteration set of steps is to be executed before carrying out one or more predetermined altering or translating steps. In response to this determining step, the group of site or user supplied pre-alteration or pre-translation steps is executed as indicated.

The method then includes executing the one or more predefined altering or translating steps. Such steps could include, in accordance with one aspect of the invention, determining which of a plurality of available resources is to be used to carry out the requested step which is the candidate for alteration.

Alternately, the predefined altering steps could provide enhanced functions not called for in the original candidate steps. Such enhanced functions may have become desirable, so long as they can be provided

so as to be transparent to the original candidate step
or steps.

The method then makes a determination as to
whether or not there are one or more post-alteration,
site or user supplied steps. These steps can then be
executed as indicated after executing the set of
altering steps.

In accordance with yet another aspect of the
invention, the method can be used for the purpose of
allocating resources within a multiple node, multiple
processor system. Each of the nodes can include one or
more computer processors. The nodes can be physically
displaced from one another, and can be coupled together
via communication lines.

This aspect includes the steps of:

carrying out a sequence of steps in a
predetermined process;

detecting a step in the sequence which is to
be carried out and which is a candidate for translation;

intercepting the detected step and determining
if a previously defined, user supplied, pre-translation
set of steps exists;

interrupting the sequence and executing the
user supplied pre-translation set of steps as indicated;

translating the candidate step into a
predetermined sequence of one or more predetermined
translated steps;

subsequent to the translation step,
determining if a previously defined, user supplied,
post-translation set of steps exists;

executing the user supplied, post-translation
set of steps as indicated; and

returning to the sequence of steps immediately
after the detected step, thereby continuing the process.

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In yet another aspect of the invention, the
method can be used for the purpose of resource
allocation for the purpose of not only optimizing
processing throughput, but also for the purpose of
5   creating redundant databases automatically in spaced
apart locations for purposes of other functions, such as
disaster recovery, for instance.

These and other aspects and attributes of the
present invention will be discussed subsequently with
10   reference to the following drawings and accompanying
specification.

Brief Description Of The Drawing

Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of a multiple
15   node, multiple processor network;

Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of an
environment in which a program unit might be executed;

Figure 3 is a flow diagram of a method in
accordance with the present invention; and

20·   Figure 4 is a flow diagram of an alternate
method in accordance with the present invention.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

While this invention is susceptible of
25   embodiment in many different forms, there is shown in
the drawing, and will be described herein in detail,
specific embodiments thereof with the understanding that
the present disclosure is to be considered as an
exemplification of the principles of the invention and
30   is not intended to limit the invention to the specific
embodiments illustrated.

The present method makes it possible for a
program user or a system operator to update and modify
pre-existing programs without requiring the recompiling
35   of the source codes of the respective program unit(s).

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This is accomplished by intercepting selected calls or references to procedures, program units, or variables that can be external or internal to a pre-existing executing program unit. One type of interceptable instruction is an operating system service call.

On interception, the operating system will look for the called procedure in a library linked to the executing program unit, if such exists. In the absence of a program related library, or in the absence of a match with the called procedure in the executing program unit, the operating system will then attempt to find the called procedure or program unit in its system library.

Where a match is found in either the program library or the system library, that procedure or program unit is then executed. If there is no match, an indication of a run-time error should be returned to the calling program unit.

The present method makes available "user hooks" in the respective library procedures or program units. The phrase "user hooks" as used herein refers to intentionally created entry points or steps wherein a user or system operator can insert one or more computer instructions (blocks of code) for the purpose of transparently updating or modifying the executing program unit. Hence, the user has greater control over its computer system(s) and is able to make modifications or enhancements outside of the executing program unit. This avoids any need to modify or recompile that program unit.

Another advantage of the present method is that it can be used where the program library is incorporated into the program unit itself. The user hooks provide a way for a user or operator to create a bridge between various versions or releases of software packages, as well as program units.

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Figure 1 illustrates schematically a multiple processor computer network 10. The network 10 includes a plurality of nodes 12 through 18.

Each of the nodes 12 through 18 can include
5 one or more computer systems. Representative examples include Tandem-type multiple processor computer systems which might include up to 16 processor modules.

It will be understood that a node, such as node 12, could be implemented as a stand-alone, single
10 processor computer system. Neither the number of processors, nor the architecture thereof, nor the presence or absence of communication links are a limitation of the present invention. The present invention can be advantageously practiced in conjunction
15 with a single, stand-alone system.

Each of the nodes 12 through 18 can communicate with at least one other node via communication channels, such as the channels 20a through 20e. The network 10 can be geographically disbursed
20 with the nodes 12 through 18 coupled, at least in part, via long distance communication links or other communications methods.

Figure 2 illustrates schematically a program unit 30 which is to be executed on a processor 32. As
25 is conventional, the program unit 30 communicates with the processor 32 via an operating system 34. The operating system 34 provides a variety of services to the executing program unit.

The program unit 30 and operating system 34
30 would normally be stored in one or more storage devices or units of the processor 32. The details of such storage and the process wherein the operating system 34 initiates executing of the program unit 30 on the processor 32 are known and are not a limitation of the
35 present invention.

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As has long been recognized, one aspect of an operating system is to enhance the efficiency of utilization of the processor 32 as well as to improve the speed and ease of creation of programs such as the
5   program unit 30. In this regard, the operating system 34 provides a variety of predefined commands, so-called "System Service Calls" (SSC), which carry out certain predefined functions when requested by a calling program unit.

10   Representative system service calls include a command to carry out a "read" function. A "read" request, based on supplied parameters, could request a read from a disk drive or other types of magnetic storage, or could request a read from a terminal or
15   other devices.

Alternately, the operating system might support a system service call, such as a "write" to a storage unit or a device. A "write" request could send data or programs to communication lines, printers, or
20   the like. A more extensive list of system service calls of a type supported by Tandem's GUARDIAN Operating System is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In accordance with the present invention, there is interposed between the program unit 30 and the
25   operating system 34 a functional layer 36 which includes the "user hooks" or entry points. At these points, an operator, a user, or a site can expand upon or modify external references or calls intercepted by the operating system.

30   Once an instruction has been intercepted, a first user hook is then checked or executed. This entry point can include an initial block of user or operator supplied code. This initial or "prior" block is to be executed before any modification and/or enhancement of

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the function which is the subject of the intercepted
instruction is carried out.

The intercepted call or service request may
then be executed as required. This execution, as
described below, can be modified and/or enhanced, or
expanded upon in a predetermined fashion.

Then, a second user hook or entry point may be
checked or executed to determine whether or not there is
any post-translation, user, or site specific code which
is to be executed. If so, that code is executed.
Finally, appropriate parameters and/or data may be
returned to the program unit 30 which had previously
made the service request or call.

In accordance with the present invention, the
interception process is carried out in one embodiment
using a hierarchy that is very often imposed by the
operating system between program library calls and
system library calls. As a first step in carrying out
the call or the functional request, if a program library
30a is associated with the program unit 30, the
operating system 34 checks the program library 30a first
to determine if the intercepted external reference or
call is present in the program library.

By providing counterparts in the library 30a
to some or all of the system service calls or functions
of the operating system 34 before the operating system
intercepts requests for such services from the program
unit, the corresponding procedure in the program (not
the system) library will be executed. This provides a
vehicle to modify or expand such requests in a pre-
determined fashion.

Hence, by associating with the program library
structure 3oa, a plurality of modified operating system
calls, when the program 30 executes a particular service
call, service can be provided in accordance with that

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request. In addition, on a substantially transparent
basis to the executing program unit, the service can be
enhanced and/or modified, or completely changed in a
predetermined fashion. If and when the appropriate
5   parameters and/or data are then returned to the program
unit 30, that program can then continue executing
subsequent instructions.

It will be understood that the library 30a is
not required to practice the present method. An
10   equivalent structure can be implemented in the operating
system 34 as discussed subsequently or in the program
unit 30 itself.

Example 1 illustrates the process.
Subsequently referred to line numbers are listed along
15   the left-hand margin of Example 1.

In Example 1, a read operation present in the
program unit 30 could be intercepted and/or modified or
translated on a substantially transparent basis in the
interface layer 36. Line 40 of Example 1, defines the
20   procedure to be executed as a "read" function with n
parameters associated therewith.

The read process begins in a line 42. Line 44
represents a first user hook or entry point. A call is
made to a procedure which includes one or more
25   previously specified site specific or operator specific
instructions which are not normally part of the "read"
procedure. Subsequent to the execution of the procedure
of line 44, the actual "read" procedure can be carried
out as indicated schematically in line 46.

30   It should be noted that the actual read
procedure which could be carried out could be a read
procedure which is expanded and/or substantially
different from the originally contemplated and specified
read procedure in the calling program unit 30. Thus, a

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bridging function can be provided, if necessary, between different program versions and/or releases.

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        40      PROC READ (1, 2 .... n)

        42      BEGIN

        44      CALL PRIOR (1, 2 .... n)

        46      JUMP TO READ FUNCTION VIA 0/S LOGICAL ADDRESS

   5    48      CALL POST (1, 2 .... n)

        50      END

                PROC PRIOR (1, 2 .... n)

                BEGIN           USER INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE
                                INSERTED AT THIS POINT IF
  10                            DESIRED
                END

                PROC POST (1, 2 .... n)

                BEGIN           USER INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE
                                INSERTED AT THIS POINT IF
  15                            DESIRED
                END
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20   EXAMPLE 1

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     Line 48 is a second user hook or entry point.
A procedure is called which includes one or more site
specific or operator specific instructions which may be
carried out after the read function is carried out. The
5   end of the procedure is indicated in line 50.

     It will be understood that the location,
number, or function of the user hooks are not a
limitation of the present invention. In addition, the
present invention contemplates the use of multi-levels
10   of entry points, such as in the program unit, the
program library, or the system library.

     Upon a return from the read procedure of
Example 1 to the program unit 30, that program will
continue execution which can be based on returned
15   parameters or data, if any, which resulted from the read
procedure initiated therein. Hence, information
actually supplied to the program unit 30 could come from
a completely different location and/or source than that
originally contemplated by the program unit 30 and this
20   change could be completely transparent thereto.

     Figure 3 illustrates a flow diagram of an
embodiment of the method of the present invention. The
process of Figure 3 will be explained below in
combination with the text of Example 1. In the
25   embodiment of Figure 3, the program library 30a has been
previously linked to the program unit 30 and is
available at run time. Using the above-noted hierarchal
approach, the operating system 34 checks the library 30a
first when the program unit 30 calls an external
30   function or service, or tries to initiate execution of
an external procedure.

     The library 30a has been previously loaded
with procedures corresponding to at least some of the
external references for the program 30. The names of
35   some of the previously loaded library procedures must be

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the same as the names of system service calls that are
to be expanded upon and/or modified. (Usually, this is
regarded as an error to be carefully avoided!)

In addition, it is necessary to be able to
acquire, usually via the operating system, the logical
address(es) of the respective system service call(s) in
the operating system's library to be intercepted. The
respective library procedure requires this information
to be able to call that service function without using
the name thereof.

For instance, in Example 1, a "read" system
service call is to be intercepted and/or modified. The
program library, as a result, includes a PROC READ. In
line 46, to call the actual read in the operating system
library, a: JUMP TO LOGICAL ADDRESS OF SSC READ must be
executed to prevent PROC READ from calling itself.

Referring to Figure 3, the execution of the
program unit 30 has been previously initiated. Step 62
represents execution of the program unit 30 until an
external request of some sort is made or until the
program unit 30 is completed, at which point it
terminates in a step 64.

In the event that the program unit 30 makes an
external request, such as a request for a "read" or
"write" for example, the operating system 34, in step
68, first checks the program library 30a, if any, to
determine whether or not this function or procedure is
found therein. If the called function, procedure, or
external reference is located by the operating system 34
in the library 30a, for example, the "read" procedure of
Example 1, that procedure is initiated.

In a step 72, the first user hook or entry
point is encountered. This corresponds to the call at
line 44 of Example 1. If there exists operator or site
specific procedures and/or code, such steps should be

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executed. This corresponds to carrying out the
procedure of line 44 of Example 1.

In a step 76, the system service call or other
function, called by program unit 30, is carried out,
corresponding to carrying out the "read" function of
line 46 of Example 1. The executed procedure from the
operating system that is executed may be _different_ from
that contemplated by the creator of the program unit 30.

In a step 78, the second or "post" user hook
or entry point is encountered. This corresponds to
carrying out the procedure of line 48 of Example 1.
Then, there is a return to execution of the program unit
30 in a step 80. While executing user hook
instructions, alternate return paths, such as step 80a
or step 80b could be provided by the user.

In this example, if the called procedure or
service request is not found in the library 30a, and if
it is in the system library, then, in a step 70, the
requested service or procedure is carried out, perhaps
in combination with other services of the operating
system 34. Any necessary parameters and/or data are
returned to the program unit 30 which continues
executing in step 62a.

As can be observed from the process of Figure
3, as a result of the site specific user supplied pre-
translation and/or pre-modification steps, the first
user hook, such as the process 44, along with the post-
translation or post-modification steps, such as the
process 48, it is relatively easy for an operator and/or
a user to provide extensions, translations, and/or
modifications to the original function being requested
by the program unit 30. These are all outside of the
program unit 30 and are substantially transparent to it.

Figure 4 illustrates an alternate embodiment
of the present invention. In the embodiment of Figure

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4, the program unit 30 need not have a library 30a
associated therewith.

However, the names of the procedures or system
service calls in the operating system library have been
5   previously altered to distinguish them from the called
procedure or "system service call" to be intercepted.
With this change, the actual operating system call,
under the new name, can subsequently be made. One of
these procedures could correspond to the "open"
10   procedure. Renaming pertinent system service routines
in the system library, such as "open to "sopen", as
illustrated in Figure 4, step 34b, can be done when the
operating system is compiled and linked together. In
addition, corresponding procedures, as illustrated in
15   Figure 4, step 72a, must be loaded into the system
library with the original names of the system service
calls to be intercepted.

If the respective system library procedures of
the operating system had been previously modified and
20   expanded upon as described above, it would be possible
to carry out a corresponding user specified "prior"
procedure as identified on line 44 of Example 1 in step
72a, analogous to the step 72 previously discussed.
After executing corresponding and/or similar system
25   service calls in step 76a, the user defined instructions
represented by the "post" procedure of Example 1 can be
executed in a plurality of steps 78a. Subsequently, the
operating system 34 returns appropriate parameters
and/or data, if any, to the program unit 30, which then
30   continues executing in a step 62a.

Using the previously described method, either
the embodiment of Figure 3 or that of Figure 4, makes it
possible for a user and/or operator to upgrade,
maintain, and/or modify program units, such as the unit
35   30, to deal with both a changing environment and also

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changing functional requirements, now and in the future.
It is also possible to modify and/or upgrade system
service calls so as to provide substantially different
and/or enhanced functions not previously available to
5   the corresponding program units, such as the program
unit 30, as well as operating system 34.

The above-described instruction interceptions
are carried out at run-time, and are substantially
transparent to the executing program unit. Source code
10   for the program unit is not required to practice the
present method.

By making the "user hooks" or entry points
available, as described above, both before and after
executing the corresponding system service calls, for
15   example, users and/or operators will be able to more
effectively manage, maintain, and upgrade their program
units in a very cost effective fashion. Further,
because the present method is substantially external to
the respective program unit, there should be no impact
20   to third party vendor or maintenance relationships.

Additional representative examples of ways in
which the methods of Figures 3 and/or 4 could be used
include improved resource allocation in a multi-processor
environment by including provision for user specific and/or
25   operator specific modification to resource allocation
routines. Redundant write operations can be provided when
carrying out the write function to provide multiple,
substantially transparent, sets of data which can be used
for verification, disaster recovery functions or the like.

30   Thus, in accordance with the present invention a
user interface is provided to, on a substantially
transparent basis, modify requests made by an executing
program unit for a variety of purposes. This modification
process takes place substantially outside of the program
35   unit. It can be substantially outside of the associated

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operating system but can be readily modified by the operator
and/or the user for purposes of customization.

   The present invention has been discussed in terms
of translating and/or modifying instructions at run time in
a program unit, such as the exemplary program unit 30. It
will be understood that the present methods can be used with
any type of program unit, such as an application, a utility,
or the like. Hence, the present method could also be used
to translate and/or modify instructions in programs that may
be routinely thought of as part of the operating system.

   It will also be understood that the embodiments of
Figures 3 and/or 4 could be combined. In addition, it is
also within the spirit and scope of the present invention to
alternately merge some of the procedures of the program
library with the associated main program unit.

   Example 2 is a further illustration of the method
hereof in source code form.

   From the foregoing, it will be observed that
numerous variations and modifications may be effected
without departing from the spirit and scope of the
invention. It is to be understood that no limitation with
respect to the specific apparatus illustrated herein is
intended or should be inferred. It is, of course, intended
to cover by the appended claims all such modifications as
fall within the scope of the claims.

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EXHIBIT A

PARTIAL LIST OF TANDEM'S GUARDIAN
OPERATING SYSTEM CALLS
(WITHOUT PARAMETERS)

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       ALTER

       ALTER PRIORITY

10   APS DATA GETPARAM

       CONTROL

       CREATE

       DEFINEADO

       DEFINEINFO

15   MEASURINFO

       NEWPROCESS

       OPEN FILE

       PRINTINFO

       PRINTREAD

20   READ

       WRITE

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```
?INSPECT,SYMBOLS,SAVEABEND
*************************************************************************
*                                                                       *
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*                    Author : Don Kennedy                               *
*                                                                       *
* Purpose : To demonstrate a method of intercepting pre-existing computer
*           instructions in order to modify and or enhance pre-existing
*           computer instructions and supply user hooks's, without the
*           requirement and or need of one or more of the following :
*
*           A. Viewing the original program unit(s) source code.
*           B. Viewing the original program unit(s) object code.
*           C. Re-compiling the original program unit(s) source code.
*           D. Prior knowledge of the pre-existing computer instructions.
*           E. A total knowledge of the users present and or future needs.
*           F. A complete understanding of the pre-existing instructions.
*           G. Knowing the users purpose or reasons for the interception.
*           H. That all the pre-existing instructions be executed.
*           I. All and or any of the user hooks be executed.
*           J. The result of the pre-existing instructions change.
*           K. Guidance or expertise from original authors or inventors.
*           L. Any additional physical, electronic or mechanical device.
*
* NOTE : The procedure chosen to intercept is only used as an example and
*        can and could be changed to or combined with any EXTERNAL procedure
*        CALL from a program unit.
*
*        The computer language chosen to demonstrate this example is only
*        used as an example and can and could be changed to or combined with
*        another computer language.
*
*        The computer system chosen to demonstrate this example on is only
*        used as an example and can and could be changed to or combined with
*        another computer system or a number of combinations of computer
*        systems.
*
*        The intercept method used to demonstrate this example is only
*        used as one example of the method and can and could be changed in
*        order to comply with other computer systems operating systems.
*                                                                       *
*************************************************************************
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EXAMPLE 2

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 46.   000000   0
 47.   000000   0    !***************************************************
 48.   000000   0    !*                                               *
 49.   000000   0    !* Below are the Tandem Guardian C30.06 Operating System calls that MAY be
 50.   000000   0    !* called by this program.
 51.   000000   0    !*                                               *
 52.   000000   0    !***************************************************
 53.   000000   0
 54.   000000   0    ?SOURCE $SYSTEM.SYSTEM.EXTDECS0( ABEND,
 55.   000000   0    ?                                DEBUG,
 56.   000000   0    ?                                MYPID,
 57.   000000   0    ?                                MYSYSTEMNUMBER,
 58.   000000   0    ?                                PROGRAMFILENAME,
 59.   000000   0    ?                                RESERVELCBS,
 60.   000000   0    ?                                SYSTEMENTRYPOINTLABEL )

Source file: [2]  $SYSTEM.SYSTEM.EXTDECS0  1991-10-04  21:22:43
 10.   000000   0    ?SECTION ABEND
 11.   000000   1    PROC ABEND (CRTPID, STOPBACKUP, PERROR, COMPLCODE, TERMINFO, SSID, LENGTH,
 12.   000000   1      TEXT) EXTENSIBLE(1), CALLABLE;
 13.   000000   1
 14.   000000   1    INT    .CRTPID;        !IN OPTIONAL     processid to be abended
 15.   000000   1    INT    STOPBACKUP;     !IN OPTIONAL     if true, abend backup
 16.   000000   1    INT    .PERROR;        !OUT OPTIONAL    returned error value
 17.   000000   1    INT    COMPLCODE;      !IN OPTIONAL     completion code
 18.   000000   1    INT    TERMINFO;       !IN OPTIONAL     termination info
 19.   000000   1    INT    .EXT SSID;      !IN OPTIONAL     subsystem ID
 20.   000000   1    INT    LENGTH;         !IN OPTIONAL     length of text in bytes
 21.   000000   1    STRING .EXT TEXT;      !IN OPTIONAL     text
 22.   000000   1
 23.   000000   1    EXTERNAL;
 24.   000000   1
 25.   000000   1
 26.   000000   1
 27.   000000   1
 28.   000000   1
 29.   000000   1

COMPLCODE    Variable    INT       Direct        L-013
CRTPID       Variable    INT       Indirect      L-016
LENGTH       Variable    INT       Direct        L-007
PERROR       Variable    INT       Indirect      L-014
SSID         Variable    INT       EXT Pointer   L-011
STOPBACKUP   Variable    INT       Direct        L-015
TERMINFO     Variable    INT       Direct        L-012
TEXT         Variable    STRING    EXT Pointer   L-006

 30.   000000   0    ?SECTION DEBUG
1282.  000000   1    PROC DEBUG CALLABLE, RESIDENT;
1283.  000000   1    EXTERNAL;
1284.  000000   0
1285.  000000   0    ?SECTION MYPID
4140.  000000   1    INT PROC MYPID   CALLABLE, RESIDENT;
4141.  000000   1    EXTERNAL;
4142.  000000   0
4143.  000000   0    ?SECTION MYSYSTEMNUMBER
4148.  000000   0    INT PROC MYSYSTEMNUMBER   CALLABLE;
4149.  000000   0
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4150.  000000 1 0   EXTERNAL;
4151.  000000 1 0   ?SECTION PROGRAMFILENAME
4631.  000000 0 0   PROC PROGRAMFILENAME (NAME) CALLABLE;
4633.  000000 1 0     INT .NAME;             !OUT  !FILE NAME
4635.  000000 1 0   EXTERNAL;

NAME           Variable   Indirect  INT            L-003

4636.  000000 0 0   ?SECTION RESERVELCBS
4838.  000000 0 0   PROC RESERVELCBS (RECEIVECNT, SENDCNT) CALLABLE;
4839.  000000 1 1     INT RECEIVECNT;        !IN   !# TO RESERVE FOR $RECEIVE
4840.  000000 1 1                            !IN
4842.  000000 1 1     INT SENDCNT;           !IN   !# TO RESERVE FOR SENDING
4844.  000000 1 1   EXTERNAL;

RECEIVECNT     Variable   Direct    INT            L-004
SENDCNT        Variable   Direct    INT            L-003

4845.  000000 0 0   ?SECTION SYSTEMENTRYPOINTLABEL
5971.  000000 0 0   INT PROC SYSTEMENTRYPOINTLABEL (NAME, LEN) CALLABLE;
5973.  000000 1 1     STRING .NAME;          !IN
5974.  000000 1 1     INT LEN;               !IN
5975.  000000 1 0   EXTERNAL;

LEN            Variable   Direct    INT            L-003
NAME           Variable   Indirect  STRING         L-004

5976.  000000 0 0   $SYSTEM.SAVE.EXAMPLE  1992-12-04  12:13:07
Source file: [1]
61.    000000 0 0   !
63.    000000 0 0   ?SOURCE $SYSTEM.ZGUARD.PCPUCTL( GETPEEKCONFIGURATION,
                                                    GETPEEKSTATISTICS  )
Source file: [3]
$SYSTEM.ZGUARD.PCPUCTL  1991-08-06  09:17:53
187.   000000 0 0   ?SECTION GETPEEKSTATISTICS
188.   000000 0 1   INT PROC GETPEEKSTATISTICS ( CPU, BUF, LEN, TIME, PIN, SYSTEM )
189.   000000 1 1                                    EXTENSIBLE, CALLABLE;
190.   000000 1 1     INT    .EXT CPU,
191.   000000 1 1                 BUF,
192.   000000 1 1                 LEN;
193.   000000 1 1     FIXED   .TIME;
194.   000000 1 1     INT     .PIN;
195.   000000 1 1     INT     SYSTEM;
196.   000000 1 0   EXTERNAL;

BUF            Variable   EXT Pointer INT          L-012
CPU            Variable   Direct    INT            L-013
LEN            Variable   Direct    INT            L-010
PIN            Variable   Indirect  INT            L-006
SYSTEM         Variable   Direct    INT            L-005
TIME           Variable   Indirect  FIXED (0)      L-007

227.   000000 0 0   ?SECTION GETPEEKCONFIGURATION
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228.  000000 0  0
229.  000000 1  0    INT PROC GETPEEKCONFIGURATION( CPU, BUF, LEN, TIME, PIN, SYSTEM )
230.  000000 1  0                                            EXTENSIBLE, CALLABLE;
231.  000000 1  0    INT      .EXT  CPU,
232.  000000 1  0                   BUF,
233.  000000 1  0                   LEN;
234.  000000 1  0    FIXED          .TIME;
235.  000000 1  0    INT            .PIN;
236.  000000 1  0    INT            SYSTEM;
                     EXTERNAL;

                     Variable    INT                    EXT Pointer
BUF                  Variable    INT          Direct    L-012
CPU                  Variable    INT          Direct    L-013
LEN                  Variable    INT          Indirect  L-010
PIN                  Variable    INT          Direct    L-006
SYSTEM               Variable    FIXED (0)    Indirect  L-005
TIME                 Variable                           L-007

Source file: [1] $SYSTEM.SAVE.EXAMPLE  1992-12-04  12:13:07
   64.  000000 0  0  !
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66. 000000 0 0  *****************************************************************
67. 000000 0 0  *
68. 000000 0 0  *  Below are the pre and post EXTERNAL user hook definitions for the
69. 000000 0 0  *  Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION intercept procedures.
70. 000000 0 0  *
71. 000000 0 0  *  NOTE : The names chosen for the pre and post user hooks are only used as
72. 000000 0 0  *         an example and these procedures can and could be named other names.
73. 000000 0 0  *
74. 000000 0 0  *         The parameters chosen to be passed to the pre and post user hooks
75. 000000 0 0  *         are used only for example and the number of paramaters and or names
76. 000000 0 0  *         can and could be changed, deleted, and or added to.
77. 000000 0 0  *
78. 000000 0 0  *         In this example the pre user hook procedure "before^TOSVERSION^CALL"
79. 000000 0 0  *         is called from the intercept TOSVERSION procedure passing the Tandem
80. 000000 0 0  *         Guardian procedure TOSVERSION address.
81. 000000 0 0  *
82. 000000 0 0  *         In this example the post user hook procedure "after^TOSVERSION^CALL"
83. 000000 0 0  *         is called from the intercept TOSVERSION procedure passing the
84. 000000 0 0  *         Tandem Guardian version level received from the Tandem Guardian
85. 000000 0 0  *         procedure TOSVERSION.
86. 000000 0 0  *
87. 000000 0 0  *****************************************************************
88. 000000 0 0
89. 000000 0 0
90. 000000 0 0
91. 000000 1 0  PROC before^TOSVERSION^CALL( TOSVERSION^procedure^address );
92. 000000 1 0    INT TOSVERSION^procedure^address;
                EXTERNAL;

TOSVERSION^PROCEDURE^ADDRESS    Variable    INT    Direct    L-003

93. 000000 0 0
94. 000000 0 0  PROC after^TOSVERSION^CALL( Guardian^version^level );
95. 000000 1 0    INT Guardian^version^level;
96. 000000 1 0  EXTERNAL;

GUARDIAN^VERSION^LEVEL          Variable    INT    Direct    L-003

97. 000000 0 0
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 99. 000000 0  [***************************************************
100. 000000 0  [*
101. 000000 0  [*           Copyright 1992, by Overlord Inc.
102. 000000 0  [*
103. 000000 0  [***************************************************
104. 000000 0  [*
105. 000000 0  [* TOSVERSION: This is normally a Tandem Guardian operating system CALL that
106. 000000 0  [*    program unit(s) would CALL to see what operating system the program unit(s)
107. 000000 0  [*    are running on. Then the program unit(s) can determine if the version is a
108. 000000 0  [*    proper version of the operating system, and proper action can be taken if
109. 000000 0  [*    needed.
110. 000000 0  [*
111. 000000 0  [*    Since this program unit does not have a MAIN procedure it can be used as a
112. 000000 0  [*    User and or System library program unit.
113. 000000 0  [*
114. 000000 0  [*    When program unit(s) use this program unit as a library, this program unit
115. 000000 0  [*    will intercept the TOSVERSION CALL to the Tandem Guardian operating system
116. 000000 0  [*    and user hooks CAN be utilized to modify and or enhance the original
117. 000000 0  [*    program unit(s).
118. 000000 0  [*
119. 000000 0  [*    since many program units may CALL this particular procedure as part of
120. 000000 0  [*    their initialization process, it is a good candidate to intercept, so that
121. 000000 0  [*    the original program unit(s) can be enhanced and or modified.
122. 000000 0  [*
123. 000000 0  [*    In This example, TOSVERSION will be intercepted in order to allow user
124. 000000 0  [*    hooks to be placed prior to the real TOSVERSION Tandem Guardian CALL as
125. 000000 0  [*    well as after in order to modify or enhance the pre-exsisting program
126. 000000 0  [*    unit(s).
               [*
               [***************************************************
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000000 0  0   128.  !
000000 0  0   129.  INT PROC TOSVERSION;
000000 1  0   130.  !
000000 1  1   131.     BEGIN
000000 1  1   132.
000020 1  1   133.     INT    .Copyright[0:15]        := ["Copyright By Overlord Inc., 1992"],
000031 1  1   134.            .Author[0:8]            := ["Donald J. Kennedy "],
000050 1  1   135.            .overlord^version[0:14] := ["G90C30.06.00.OLRDC30.06.A10.00"];
000050 1  1   136.
000050 1  1   137.     INT    G                       := 'G',
000050 1  1   138.            L                       := 'L',
000050 1  1   139.            S                       := 'S',
000050 1  1   140.            E                       := 0;
000050 1  1   141.
000050 1  1   142.     INT    pre^user^hook^present   := @before^TOSVERSION^CALL,
000050 1  1   143.            post^user^hook^present  := @after^TOSVERSION^CALL;
000050 1  1   144.
000050 1  1   145.     INT    version^level           := 0;
000050 1  1   146.            TOSVERSION^address       := 0;
000050 1  1   147.
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149.   000050  1 1
150.   000050  1 1   *************************************************************
151.   000050  1 1   *                                                           *
152.   000050  1 1   *              Copyright 1992, by Overlord Inc.             *
153.   000050  1 1   *                                                           *
154.   000050  1 1   *************************************************************
155.   000050  1 1
156.   000050  1 1   NOTE: Using this program unit as a library program unit :
157.   000050  1 1
158.   000050  1 1       System Library:
159.   000050  1 1
160.   000050  1 1         If this program unit is going to be used as a System Library
161.   000050  1 1         program unit then the Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION procedure name
162.   000050  1 1         should be changed to another name using the BIND utility on the
163.   000050  1 1         pre-existing System Library.
164.   000050  1 1
165.   000050  1 1         The "TOSVERSION^name" variable should be changed to the new name,
166.   000050  1 1         also the "TOSVERSION^name^length" variable should be changed to the
167.   000050  1 1         length in BYTES of the new name.
168.   000050  1 1
169.   000050  1 1         This program unit should then be compiled and BOUND with the proper
170.   000050  1 1         pre-existing System Library program unit prior to the OSIMAGE
171.   000050  1 1         being built.
172.   000050  1 1
173.   000050  1 1         WARNING : Do not CALL ABEND, DEBUG or STOP in any user hooks if
174.   000050  1 1                   this program unit will be used as a System Library
175.   000050  1 1                   program unit.
176.   000050  1 1
177.   000050  1 1       With pre-exsisting User Library:
178.   000050  1 1
179.   000050  1 1         This program unit should be compiled and BOUND with the
180.   000050  1 1         pre-exsisting User Library program unit and a new User library
181.   000050  1 1         program unit should be created and linked to the proper program
182.   000050  1 1         unit(s).
183.   000050  1 1
184.   000050  1 1       User Library:
185.   000050  1 1
186.   000050  1 1         This program unit should be compiled and then linked with the
       000050  1 1         proper program unit(s).
                           *************************************************************
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188.  000050 1 1   :..:********************************************************
189.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
190.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
191.  000050 1 1   :..:* NOTE: Using this program unit as part of a MAIN program unit: *
192.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
193.  000050 1 1   :..:*       This program unit can be combined with a pre-exsisting MAIN program *
194.  000050 1 1   :..:*       unit by doing the following :                   *
195.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
196.  000050 1 1   :..:*       A. BIND this program unit into a pre-exsisting MAIN program unit. *
197.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
198.  000050 1 1   :..:*                                                       *
199.  000050 1 1   :..:********************************************************
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201. 000050 1 1   ;
202. 000050 1 1       INT      .TOSVERSION^name[0:4]      := ["TOSVERSION"],
203. 000055 1 1                 TOSVERSION^name^length := 10;
204. 000055 1 1       ;
205. 000055 1 1       STRING .s^TOSVERSION^name        := @TOSVERSION^name '<<' 1;
206. 000055 1 1       ;
207. 000127 1 1       TOSVERSION^address := SYSTEMENTRYPOINTLABEL( s^TOSVERSION^name,
208. 000127 1 1                                                   TOSVERSION^name^length );
209. 000134 1 1       ;
```

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211.   000134  1  1  !***************************************************************
212.   000134  1  1  !*                                                             *
213.   000134  1  1  !*  Check to see if the pre^user hook procedure is present and if so then CALL *
214.   000134  1  1  !*  the before^TOSVERSION^CALL prior to executing the Tandem Guardian *
215.   000134  1  1  !*  TOSVERSION CALL and pass the address of the TOSVERSION procedure. *
216.   000134  1  1  !*                                                             *
217.   000134  1  1  !*                                                             *
218.   000134  1  1  !*                                                             *
219.   000134  1  1  !***************************************************************
220.   000134  1  1     IF pre^user^hook^present > 0 THEN
221.   000137  1  1        CALL before^TOSVERSION^CALL( TOSVERSION^address );
222.   000142  1  1     ;
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224.  000142  1  1  [****************************************************************
225.  000142  1  1  [*
226.  000142  1  1  [*
227.  000142  1  1  [*  NOTE : It is possible that the before^TOSVERSION^CALL procedure could
228.  000142  1  1  [*         execute a RETURN statement with it's own values which would return
229.  000142  1  1  [*         control to the originating program unit(s) and not execute the
230.  000142  1  1  [*         remaining intructions in this procedure.
231.  000142  1  1  [*
232.  000142  1  1  [*         This could be of value to the user if some program unit(s) must
233.  000142  1  1  [*         be told that they are on operating system versions that they are
234.  000142  1  1  [*         not really on and do not require the real operating system version
235.  000142  1  1  [*         to be checked.
236.  000142  1  1  [*
237.  000142  1  1  [*
238.  000142  1  1  [****************************************************************
```

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240.  000142 1 1   !***********************************************************
241.  000142 1 1   !*                                                         *
242.  000142 1 1   !*[ CALL the Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION procedure and get the Tandem Guardian
243.  000142 1 1   !*[ operating system release level.
244.  000142 1 1   !*[
245.  000142 1 1   !***********************************************************
246.  000142 1 1   !
247.  000142 1 1   !
248.  000142 1 1   ?RP 0
249.  000142 1 1   !
250.  000143 1 1        STACK TOSVERSION^address;
251.  000143 1 1        CODE( DPCL );
252.  000144 1 1        STORE version^level;
253.  000145 1 1   !
```

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255. 000145 1 1    !******************************************************
256. 000145 1 1    ![
257. 000145 1 1    ![ Check to see if the post^user hook is present and if so then CALL the
258. 000145 1 1    ![ after^TOSVERSION^CALL prior to returing the value of the Tandem Guardian
259. 000145 1 1    ![ Operating system level to the originating program unit(s).
260. 000145 1 1    ![
261. 000145 1 1    ![
262. 000145 1 1    !******************************************************
263. 000145 1 1    !
264. 000145 1 1    !  IF post^user^hook^present > 0 THEN
265. 000150 1 1       CALL after^TOSVERSION^CALL( version^level );
266. 000153 1 1    !
```

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268.  000153 1 1 1 |*******************************************************************
269.  000153 1 1 1 |
270.  000153 1 1 1 |
271.  000153 1 1 1 |[ NOTE : It is possible that the after^TOSVERSION^CALL procedure could
272.  000153 1 1 1 |[        execute a RETURN statement with it's own values which would return
273.  000153 1 1 1 |[        control to the originating program unit(s) and not execute the
274.  000153 1 1 1 |[        remaining intructions in this procedure.
275.  000153 1 1 1 |[
276.  000153 1 1 1 |[        This could be of value to the user if some program unit(s) must
277.  000153 1 1 1 |[        be told that they are on a operating system version that they are
278.  000153 1 1 1 |[        not really on, but do require that the real operating system version
279.  000153 1 1 1 |[        first be checked.
280.  000153 1 1 1 |[
281.  000153 1 1 1 |[
282.  000153 1 1 1 |*******************************************************************
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  284. 000153 1
  285. 000153 1
  286. 000153 1   !**********************************************************************
  287. 000153 1   ! RETURN the value from the Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION procedure which will
  288. 000153 1   ! return control back to the original program unit that made the CALL to the
  289. 000153 1   ! Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION procedure.
  290. 000153 1   !**********************************************************************
  291. 000153 1
  292. 000153 1       RETURN version^level;
  293. 000153 1
  294. 000155 1   END;
  295. 000155 1

AUTHOR                    Variable   INT       Indirect   L+002
COPYRIGHT                 Variable   INT       Indirect   L+001
E                         Variable   INT       Direct     L+004
G                         Variable   INT       Direct     G+000
L                         Variable   INT       Direct     L+000
OVERLORD^VERSION          Variable   INT       Indirect   L+003
POST^USER^HOOK^PRESENT    Variable   INT       Direct     L+006
PRE^USER^HOOK^PRESENT     Variable   INT       Direct     L+005
S                         Variable   STRING    Direct     S-000
S^TOSVERSION^NAME         Variable   INT       Indirect   L+013
TOSVERSION^ADDRESS        Variable   INT       Direct     L+010
TOSVERSION^NAME           Variable   INT       Indirect   L+011
TOSVERSION^NAME^LENGTH    Variable   INT       Direct     L+012
VERSION^LEVEL             Variable   INT       Direct     L+007

000000 041557 071151 063550 072040 041171 020117 071154 067562 062040 044556 026040 030471 034462
000010 042157 067141 020112 027040 045545 067156 074440 043471 030103 031460 033056 027117 027117
000020 046122 042103 027060 033056 040461 030056 052117 051511 042522 051511 047516 070414 070445
000040 100000 024733 010401 000000 020376 030060 000000 020376 000454 000002 070464 100012 170411
000060 024700 024700 002055 170401 100020 024700 170402 000025 003706 100011 026047 024744 003712
000100 100017 026047 170411 000025 003724 100005 040412 024711 027000 040405 000025 016003 003712
000120 024700 027000 040410 044407 040406 016003 040907 024700 027000 040407 125003 040410
000130 040130 016003
000140 000150

  296. 000000 0 0 !
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298.
299.
300.
301. before^TOSVERSION^CALL : This procedure ( IF PRESENT ) can intercept the
302. pre-existing CALL to TOSVERSION prior to the CALL being placed. Several
303. uses can be made of this user hook. The following list is just a sample
304. of one or more possible ways this user hook could be used:
305.
306. A. Do not call the real TOSVERSION, instead RETURN a value from here.
307. B. Add additional computer instructions prior to the TOSVERSION CALL.
308. C. Log a message that the pre-existing instructions CALL TOSVERSION.
309. D. Log a message of the time pre-existing instructions CALL TOSVERSION.
310. E. Count the number of times that TOSVERSION is CALLED.
311. F. Calculate the time between CALLS to TOSVERSION.
312. G. Gain access to pre-existing data values in the program unit(s).
313. H. Change pre-existing data values in the program unit(s).
314.
315. The user can change the scope of the original program unit(s) by using this
316. hook without one or more of the requirements listed earlier. This allows
317. the user to have additional options and control on the modification and or
318. enhancements of the pre-existing computer instructions without the need
319. of the original authors and or inventors guidance or expertise.
320.
321.
322.
323. PROC before^TOSVERSION^CALL( TOSVERSION^procedure^address );
324. INT TOSVERSION^procedure^address;
325.
326.
327. NOTE : This procedure can be removed from this program unit if needed.
328.
329.     If left empty, as it is, it will still be called but no additional
330.     logic will be executed.
331.
332.     User computer instructions can be placed in this area that
333.     should be executed prior the the REAL TOSVERSION procedure CALL
334.     being made if needed.
335.
336.
337.
338. BEGIN
339. END;
340.
```

TOSVERSION^PROCEDURE^ADDRESS   Variable   INT   Direct   L-003

000000 125004

341.   000000 0   0   !

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343.  000000  0 0  [+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
344.  000000  0 0  [
345.  000000  0 0  [ after^TOSVERSION^CALL : This procedure ( IF PRESENT ) can intercept the
346.  000000  0 0  [ pre-existing CALL to TOSVERSION after the CALL was placed. Several
347.  000000  0 0  [ uses can be made of this user hook. The following list is just a sample
348.  000000  0 0  [ of one or more possible ways this user hook could be used:
349.  000000  0 0  [
350.  000000  0 0  [ A. Do not RETURN the value from TOSVERSION, instead RETURN another value.
351.  000000  0 0  [ B. Add additional computer instructions after the TOSVERSION CALL.
352.  000000  0 0  [ C. Log a message that the pre-existing instructions CALL TOSVERSION.
353.  000000  0 0  [ D. Log a message of the times pre-exsisting instructions CALL TOSVERSION.
354.  000000  0 0  [ E. Count the times that TOSVERSION is CALLED.
355.  000000  0 0  [ F. Calculate the time it took to call TOSVERSION.
356.  000000  0 0  [ G. Gain access to pre-exsisting data values in the program unit(s).
357.  000000  0 0  [ H. Change pre-exsisting data values in the program unit(s).
358.  000000  0 0  [
359.  000000  0 0  [ The user can change the scope of the original program unit by using this
360.  000000  0 0  [ hook without one or more of the requirements listed earlier. This allows
361.  000000  0 0  [ the user to have additional options and control on the modification and or
362.  000000  0 0  [ enhancements of the pre-exsisting computer instructions without the need
363.  000000  0 0  [ of the original authors and or inventors, guidance and or expertise.
364.  000000  0 0  [
365.  000000  0 0  [+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
366.  000000  0 0
367.  000000  0 0
368.  000000  0 0  PROC after^TOSVERSION^CALL( Guardian^version^level );
369.  000000  1 0    INT Guardian^version^level;
370.  000000  1 0
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372.  0000000 1 0   *********************************************************
373.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
374.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
375.  0000000 1 0   * NOTE : This procedure can be removed from this program unit if needed.
376.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
377.  0000000 1 0   *        If left empty, it will still be called, but no additional
378.  0000000 1 0   *        logic will be executed.                        *
379.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
380.  0000000 1 0   *        User computer instructions can be placed in this area that
381.  0000000 1 0   *        should be executed after the the REAL TOSVERSION procedure CALL
382.  0000000 1 0   *        is made, if needed.                            *
383.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
384.  0000000 1 0   *                                                       *
385.  0000000 1 0   *********************************************************
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387.   000000  1  0
388.   000000  1  0
389.   000000  1  0
390.   000000  1  0
391.   000000  1  0
392.   000000  1  0
393.   000000  1  0
394.   000000  1  0
395.   000000  1  0
396.   000000  1  0
397.   000000  1  0
398.   000000  1  0
399.   000000  1  0
400.   000000  1  0
401.   000000  1  0
402.   000000  1  0
403.   000000  1  0
404.   000000  1  0
405.   000000  1  0
406.   000000  1  0
407.   000000  1  0
408.   000000  1  0
409.   000000  1  0
410.   000000  1  0
411.   000000  1  0
412.   000000  1  0
413.   000000  1  0
414.   000000  1  0
415.   000000  1  0
416.   000000  1  0
417.   000000  1  0
418.   000000  1  0
419.   000000  1  0
```

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*********************************************************************
*                                                                   *
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*                                                                   *
*********************************************************************
*                                                                   *
*  The following example is one of may uses that this user hook     *
*  could be used for.                                               *
*                                                                   *
*  EXAMPLE : This hook will allow pre-exsisting program unit(s)      *
*            using this program unit as a library and making a CALL  *
*            to TOSVERSION from the original program unit(s), to     *
*            also CALL the RESERVELCBS procedure, before returning   *
*            control back to the original program unit(s).           *
*                                                                   *
*            Some of the pre-exsisting program units may CALL the    *
*            Tandem Guardian procedure RESERVELCBS later, in this    *
*            case the later CALL will override this CALL to          *
*            RESERVELCBS and may require that the RESERVELCBS be      *
*            intercepted and similar user hook logic be placed in    *
*            the user hook "before^RESERVELCBS^CALL".                *
*                                                                   *
*  NOTE : The RESERVELCBS intercept procedure as well as the         *
*         before^RESERVELCBS^CALL and after^RESERVELCBS^CALL are     *
*         not included in this example but the intercept CONCEPT     *
*         would be the same, and could also be incorporated in this  *
*         program unit.                                              *
*                                                                   *
*  Other pre-exsisting program unit(s) may not currently CALL the    *
*  RESERVELCBS procedure. This user hook will allow these original   *
*  pre-exsisting program unit(s) to be modified and enhanced to CALL *
*  the RESERVELCBS procedure if the proper system resources are      *
*  available and these pre-exsisting program unit(s) make a CALL     *
*  to the Tandem Guardian TOSVERSION procedure.                      *
*                                                                   *
*********************************************************************
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421.  000000 1 0        BEGIN
422.  000000 1 0    !
423.  000000 1 1    .
424.  000000 1 1    INT     .Copyright[0:15]        := ["Copyright 1992, By Overlord Inc."],
425.  000020 1 1                .Author[0:8]        := ["Donald J. Kennedy"],
426.  000031 1 1                .overlord^version[0:14] := ["G90C30.06.00.OLRDC30.06.A10.00"];
427.  000050 1 1
428.  000050 1 2    STRUCT cpu^config^values ( * );
429.  000050 1 2        BEGIN
430.  000050 1 2        INT     processor^type;
431.  000050 1 2        INT     total^pcbs;
432.  000050 1 2        INT     memory^size;
433.  000050 1 2        INT     syspool^size;
434.  000050 1 2        INT     mappool^size;
435.  000050 1 2        INT     total^lcbs;
436.  000050 1 2        INT     total^tles;
437.  000050 1 2        INT     total^bpts;
438.  000050 1 2        END;
439.  000050 1 1
440.  000050 1 2    STRUCT cpu^current^values ( * );
441.  000050 1 2        BEGIN
442.  000050 1 2        FIXED   delta^time^cpu^idle;
443.  000050 1 2        INT     items^on^ready^list;
444.  000050 1 2        FIXED   delta^time^ready^queued;
445.  000050 1 2        INT (32) page^fault^count;
446.  000050 1 2        INT     items^queued^for^memory;
447.  000050 1 2        FIXED   delta^time^memory^queued;
448.  000050 1 2        INT (32) dispatch^count;
449.  000050 1 2        FIXED   delta^time^send^busy;
450.  000050 1 2        INT (32) cache^hit^count;
451.  000050 1 2        INT (32) disc^io^count;
452.  000050 1 2        INT     pcb^free^count;
453.  000050 1 2        INT     memory^locked;
454.  000050 1 2        INT     current^syspool;
455.  000050 1 2        INT     current^mappool;
456.  000050 1 2        INT     current^lcbs;
457.  000050 1 2        INT     current^tles;
458.  000050 1 2        INT     current^bpts;
459.  000050 1 2        END;
460.  000050 1 1
```

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462.  000050  1  1     INT  .cpu^config^buffer [0:( $LEN( cpu^config^values ) - 1 ) / 2 ],
463.  000050  1  1          .cpu^current^buffer[0:( $LEN( cpu^current^values ) - 1 ) / 2 ],
464.  000050  1  1          .cpu^config ( cpu^config^values )    = cpu^config^buffer,
465.  000050  1  1          .cpu^current( cpu^current^values )   = cpu^current^buffer,
466.  000050  1  1          .current^program^file^name;
467.  000050  1  1
468.  000050  1  1
469.  000050  1  1
470.  000050  1  1     INT .EXT x^cpu^config^buffer    := $XADR( cpu^config^buffer );
471.  000050  1  1         .EXT x^cpu^current^buffer   := $XADR( cpu^current^buffer );
472.  000050  1  1
473.  000050  1  1     INT  my^cpu                     := 0,
474.  000050  1  1          my^system^number           := 0,
475.  000050  1  1          my^pin                     := 0,
476.  000050  1  1          my^pid                     := 0,
477.  000050  1  1          current^percent^lcbs^free  := 0,
478.  000050  1  1          allocate^send^lcbs         := 0,
479.  000050  1  1          allocate^receive^lcbs      := 0,
480.  000050  1  1          program^loop^counter       := 0,
481.  000050  1  1          cpu^config^length          := $LEN( cpu^config^values ),
482.  000050  1  1          cpu^current^length         := $LEN( cpu^current^values ),
483.  000050  1  1         .my^program^file^name[0:11]  := [ 12 * [" "]];
484.  000064  1  1
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!*******************************************************************
!*                                                                 *
!*      The threshold and table settings are located here         *
!*                                                                 *
!* NOTE : To add more programs change "max^programs" to increase the size of
!*        the program^file^name^table and add program names and set the SEND
!*        and RECEIVE LCB values to the proper values for each program in the
!*        "program^file^name^table". Leave unused entries as *UNUSED* so the
!*        empty table space will not be checked.
!*                                                                 *
!*******************************************************************

INT lcb^saftey^threshold       := 40;  ! At least 40% of the LCB's must be free
                                       ! in order to RESERVE the LCB's in the
                                       ! table. IF not, no LCB's will be reserved
                                       ! even if the file name is found.

LITERAL max^programs           = 15,   ! maximum programs that the table can hold
        entry^length           = 6,    ! Size of each table entry
        table^size             = max^programs * entry^length;

INT program^file^name^table[0:table^size - 1] :=

     Program     Reserve    Reserve     Program
     File        SEND       RECEIVE     Entry
     Name        LCB's      LCB's       Number
     -------     -------    -------     -------
   ["BINSERV ",    2,          2,   ! 1
    "COBOL   ",    2,          2,   ! 2
    "COMINT  ",    1,          1,   ! 3
    "EDIT    ",    2,          2,   ! 4
    "ENFORM  ",    3,          3,   ! 5
    "FUP     ",    2,          2,   ! 6
    "INSPECT ",    1,          1,   ! 7
    "OLORDCPU",    1,          1,   ! 8
    "OLORDSYS",    1,          1,   ! 9
    "OLORDMON",    1,          1,   ! 10
    "PERUSE  ",    2,          2,   ! 11
    "SYMSERV ",    2,          2,   ! 12
    "TACL    ",    1,          1,   ! 13
    "TAL     ",    2,          2,   ! 14
    "*UNUSED*",    1,          1 ]; ! 15

FIXED my^time                  := 0F;

my^pid                         := MYPID;
my^pin      .<8:15>            := my^pid.<8:15>;
my^cpu.<0:7>                   := my^pid.<0:7>;
my^system^number              := MYSYSTEMNUMBER;
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538.   000332 1 1 1 1 !-
539.   000332 1 1 1 1 !+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
540.   000332 1 1 1 1 !!
541.   000332 1 1 1 1 !!   Get current system status to see what percent of LCB's are free
542.   000332 1 1 1 1 !!
543.   000332 1 1 1 1 !+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
544.   000332 1 1 1 1 !-
545.   000332 1 1 1 1 CALL GETPEEKCONFIGURATION( my^cpu,
546.   000332 1 1 1 1                            x^cpu^config^buffer,
547.   000332 1 1 1 1                            cpu^config^length,
548.   000332 1 1 1 1                            my^time,
549.   000332 1 1 1 1                            my^pin,
550.   000332 1 1 1 1                            my^system^number );
551.   000346 1 1 1 1 =
552.   000346 1 1 1 1 CALL GETPEEKSTATISTICS( my^cpu,
553.   000346 1 1 1 1                          x^cpu^current^buffer,
554.   000346 1 1 1 1                          cpu^current^length,
555.   000346 1 1 1 1                          my^time,
556.   000346 1 1 1 1                          my^pin,
557.   000346 1 1 1 1                          my^system^number );
558.   000362 1 1 1 1 =
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560.   current^percent^lcbs^free
561.     := $INTR( $DBL( cpu^current.current^lcbs ) * 100D
562.        / $DBL( cpu^config.total^lcbs ) );
563.
564.
565.   @current^program^file^name := @program^file^name^table;
566.
567.   IF lcb^saftey^threshold < current^percent^lcbs^free THEN
568.   BEGIN
569.     CALL PROGRAMFILENAME( my^program^file^name );
570.     FOR program^loop^counter := 0 TO ( max^programs - 1 ) DO
571.     BEGIN
572.       IF current^program^file^name = my^program^file^name[8] FOR 4 THEN
573.       BEGIN
574.         allocate^send^lcbs    := current^program^file^name[4];
575.         allocate^receive^lcbs := current^program^file^name[5];
576.         CALL RESERVELCBS( allocate^send^lcbs, allocate^receive^lcbs );
577.       END;
578.       @current^program^file^name
579.         := @current^program^file^name '+' entry^length;
580.       IF current^program^file^name = "*UNUSED*" THEN
581.       program^loop^counter := ( max^programs - 1 );
582.       END;
583.     END;
584.   END;
585.
```

```
ALLOCATE^RECEIVE^LCBS    000362  1 1   Variable         INT              Direct     L+021
ALLOCATE^SEND^LCBS       000362  1 1   Variable         INT              Direct     L+020
AUTHOR                   000362  1 1   Variable         INT              Indirect   L+002
COPYRIGHT                000362  1 1   Variable         INT              Indirect   L+001
CPU^CONFIG^BUFFER        000376  1 1   Variable,20      STRUCT-I         Indirect   L+004
CPU^CONFIG^LENGTH        000400  1 1   Variable         INT              Direct     L+023
CPU^CONFIG^VALUES        000400  1 1   Variable         TEMPLATE ,20
 1 PROCESSOR^TYPE        000404  1 2          0,2       INT              Direct
 1 TOTAL^PCBS            000404  1 2          2,2       INT              Direct
 1 MEMORY^SIZE           000407  1 2          4,2       INT              Direct
 1 SYSPOOL^SIZE          000411  1 3          6,2       INT              Direct
 1 MAPPOOL^SIZE          000411  1 3         10,2       INT              Direct
 1 TOTAL^LCBS            000417  1 4         12,2       INT              Direct
 1 TOTAL^TLES            000417  1 4         14,2       INT              Direct
 1 TOTAL^BPTS            000425  1 4         16,2       INT              Direct
CPU^CURRENT              000431  1 4   Variable,102     STRUCT-I         Indirect   L+005
CPU^CURRENT^BUFFER       000431  1 3   Variable         INT              Indirect   L+005
CPU^CURRENT^LENGTH       000431  1 3   Variable         INT              Direct     L+024
CPU^CURRENT^VALUES       000434  1 3   Variable         TEMPLATE ,102
 1 DELTA^TIME^CPU^IDLE   000444  1 3          0,10      FIXED (0)        Direct
 1 ITEMS^ON^READY^LIST   000446  1 1         10,2       INT              Direct
 1 DELTA^TIME^READY^QUEUED 000453 1 1        12,10      FIXED (0)        Direct
 1 PAGE^FAULT^COUNT                           22,4       INT (32)         Direct
 1 ITEMS^QUEUED^FOR^MEMORY                     26,2       INT              Direct
 1 DELTA^TIME^MEMORY^QUEUED                    30,10      FIXED (0)        Direct
 1 DISPATCH^COUNT                              40,4       INT (32)         Direct
 1 DELTA^TIME^SEND^BUSY                        44,10      FIXED (0)        Direct
 1 CACHE^HIT^COUNT                             54,4       INT (32)         Direct
 1 DISC^IO^COUNT                               60,4       INT (32)         Direct
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Name	Location	Type	Mode	
1 PCB^FREE^COUNT	64,2	INT	Direct	
1 MEMORY^LOCKED	66,2	INT	Direct	
1 CURRENT^SYSPOOL	70,2	INT	Direct	
1 CURRENT^MAPPOOL	72,2	INT	Direct	
1 CURRENT^LCBS	74,2	INT	Direct	
1 CURRENT^TLES	76,2	INT	Direct	
1 CURRENT^BFTS	100,2	INT	Direct	
CURRENT^PERCENT^LCBS^FREE	Variable	INT	Direct	L+017
CURRENT^PROGRAM^FILE^NAME	Variable	INT	Indirect	L+006
ENTRY^LENGTH	Literal	INT	%000006	
GUARDIAN^VERSION^LEVEL	Variable	INT	Direct	L-003
LCB^SAFTEY^THRESHOLD	Variable	INT	Direct	L+026
MAX^PROGRAMS	Literal	INT	%000017	
MY^CPU	Variable	INT	Direct	L+013
MY^PID	Variable	INT	Direct	L+016
MY^PIN	Variable	INT	Direct	L+015
MY^PROGRAM^FILE^NAME	Variable	INT	Indirect	L+025
MY^SYSTEM^NUMBER	Variable	INT	Direct	L+014
MY^TIME	Variable	FIXED (0)	Direct	L+161
OVERLORD^VERSION	Variable	INT	Indirect	L+003
PROGRAM^FILE^NAME^TABLE	Variable	INT	Direct	L+027
PROGRAM^LOOP^COUNTER	Variable	INT	Direct	L+022
TABLE^SIZE	Literal	INT	%000132	
X^CPU^CONFIG^BUFFER	Variable	INT	EXT Pointer	L+007
X^CPU^CURRENT^BUFFER	Variable	INT	EXT Pointer	L+011

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000000 041557 070171 071151 063550 072040 030471 034462 026040
000010 041171 020117 073145 071154 067562 062040 062040 061456
000020 042157 067141 066144 020112 027040 045545 067156 062544
000030 074440 043471 030103 031460 027060 033056 030056 027117
000040 046122 042103 031460 027060 033056 040461 030056 030060
000050 000002 000002 020040 020040 020040 020040 020040 000002
000060 020040 020040 020040 041111 047123 047060 030056 053040
000070 020040 020040 041517 041517 041517 043117 043117 020040
000100 041517 046511 047124 020040 000001 000001 042504 044524
000110 044516 051520 042503 000002 000001 000001 047514 051115
000120 000003 000003 043125 050040 020040 047514 020040 000002
000130 000001 000000 047514 052040 047516 047516 047514 020040
000140 042103 050015 000001 020040 047522 054523 000002 054523
000150 042522 053040 042522 000002 000002 000040 000040 000040
000160 050105 051125 051505 020040 000002 042123 046523 046523
000170 025125 047125 051505 051505 042052 052101 070565 020040
000200 042103 052101 052101 046040 070740 051531 070740 000002
000220 070740 003204 024700 003214 024700 070740 024755 003232
000230 024700 070740 100102 003241 003262 100001 170404 024700
000240 024711 100000 100000 130001 000002 000002 000002 000002
000250 000002 100020 170402 070740 003524 000110 100050 130001
000260 002132 003530 000002 024733 002135 170401 024755 003511
000270 026047 000025 170402 024755 003551 003262 026047 024711
000300 000025 003551 100017 026047 002135 000025 003542 100014
000310 027000 070427 040413 000025 100132 100011 027000 170403
000320 040416 006377 044415 040416 170425 100377 070413 000367
000330 044414 070561 040423 060407 003551 070561 070415 044416
000340 005376 024777 100771 024700 030110 100000 070413 060411
000350 005376 070415 005376 040414 040423 024777 100771 040414
000360 027000 000107 103036 027000 000327 100000 100144 000222
000370 010437 142404 100223 000327 102005 000223 070427 024700
000400 040426 040417 000215 013047 170425 024700 027000 100000
000410 027000 103010 100406 173425 103010 100406 070427 044406
000420 143406 044420 103005 143406 044421 040420 040421 024711
000430 034422 000223 170406 170406 044406 026207 015012 103004
000440 000200 100004 026247 015002 100016 044422 040422 104001
000450 016336 010016 125004 025125 047125 051505 042052 042052
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Name			
ABEND	Proc		External
AFTER^TOSVERSION^CALL	Proc		%000216
BEFORE^TOSVERSION^CALL	Proc		%000000
DEBUG	Proc		External
GETPEEKCONFIGURATION	Proc	INT	External
GETPEEKSTATISTICS	Proc	INT	External
MYPID	Proc	INT	External
MYSYSTEMNUMBER	Proc		External
PROGRAMFILENAME	Proc		External
RESERVELCBS	Proc		External
SYSTEMENTRYPOINTLABEL	Proc	INT	External
TOSVERSION	Proc	INT	%000055

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ENTRY POINT MAP BY NAME FOR FILE: \CLXA.$WORK.COE.cpatent2

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SP	PEP	BASE	LIMIT	ENTRY	ATTRS	NAME	DATE	TIME	LANGUAGE	SOURCE FILE
00	004	000163	000642	000401		AFTER^TOSVERSION^CALL	04DEC92	12:28	TAL	$SYSTEM.SAVE.EXAMPLE
00	003	000162	000162	000162		BEFORE^TOSVERSION^CALL	04DEC92	12:28	TAL	$SYSTEM.SAVE.EXAMPLE
00	002	000005	000161	000062		TOSVERSION	04DEC92	12:28	TAL	$SYSTEM.SAVE.EXAMPLE

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An apparatus for translating one or more
steps of a pre-existing method for carrying out a
predetermined function, wherein user defined steps can
5   be incorporated therein, comprising:

circuitry for detecting a step from the
pre-existing method which is a candidate for a
translation; and

circuitry for determining if a previously
10   defined, user supplied, pre-translation set of steps is
to be executed before executing any predetermined
translation steps, and in response to the determining
steps, executing the set of pre-translation steps where
indicated.
15

2.   An apparatus according to claim 1 further
including means for determining if a previously defined,
user supplied, post-translation set of steps is to be
executed after executing any predetermined translation
20   steps, and in response thereto, executing the post steps
where indicated.

3.   A process of translating one or more
steps of a pre-existing method for carrying out a
25   predetermined function, wherein user defined steps can
be incorporated therein, in accordance with the
apparatus of claim 1, comprising:

detecting a step from the pre-existing method
which is a candidate for a translation; and
30   determining if a previously defined, user
supplied, pre-translation set of steps is to be executed
before executing any predetermined translation steps,
and in response to the determining step, executing the
set of pre-translation steps where indicated.
35

4.   The process of claim 3 further including the step of:

        determining if a previously defined, user supplied, post-translation set of steps is to be executed after executing any predetermined translation steps, and in response thereto, executing the post steps where indicated.

5.   A method of executing a predefined set of steps, including altering one or more of the steps in a predetermined fashion wherein user defined steps can be incorporated therein, in accordance with the apparatus of claim 1, comprising:

        detecting a step which is a candidate for alteration;

        executing the altering steps; and

        determining if a previously defined, user supplied, post-alteration set of steps is to be executed after executing the set of post-alteration steps where indicated.

6.   The method of claim 5 further including, after the detecting step, the step of:

        determining if a previously defined, user supplied, pre-alteration set of steps is to be executed before executing any predetermined altering steps, and in response to the determining step, executing the set of pre-alteration steps where indicated.

7.   A method of intercepting and modifying pre-existing instructions at run time in a computer program being executed in an apparatus as in claim 1, comprising:

        intercepting a selected instruction and determining if it is a candidate for modification;

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determining if an alterable, previously defined, pre-modification set of instructions is to be executed, and in response thereto, executing the pre-modification set of instructions, if any; and

5   modifying or executing the intercepted instruction.

8.   The method of claim 7 further including the step of:

10   determining if an alterable, previously defined, post-modification set of instructions is to be executed, and in response thereto, executing the post-modification set of instructions, if any.

15   9.   A method of allocating resources within a multiple node, multiple processor system, wherein at least some of the nodes are spaced apart and are interconnected by communication links, wherein one or more of the processors includes an apparatus as in claim

20   1, the method comprising:
carrying out a sequence of steps in a predetermined process in a selected processor at one of the nodes;
detecting a step in the sequence which is to

25   be carried out and which is a candidate for run-time modification;
intercepting the detected step and evaluating if a previously defined, operator supplied, pre-modification set of steps exists;

30   interrupting the sequence and executing the operator supplied pre-modification set of steps as indicated;
modifying the candidate step using a predetermined sequence of one or more predetermined

35   modifier steps;

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subsequent to the modifying step, evaluating
if a previously defined, operator supplied, post-
modification set of steps exists;

executing the operator supplied, post-
5   modification set of steps as indicated; and

returning to the sequence of steps immediately
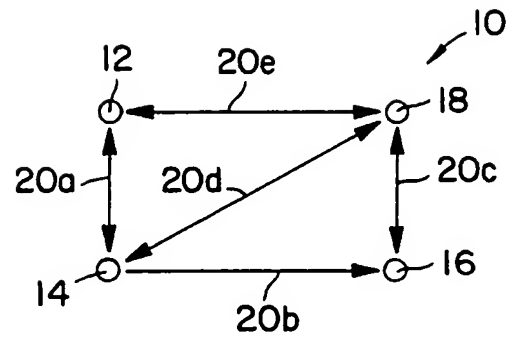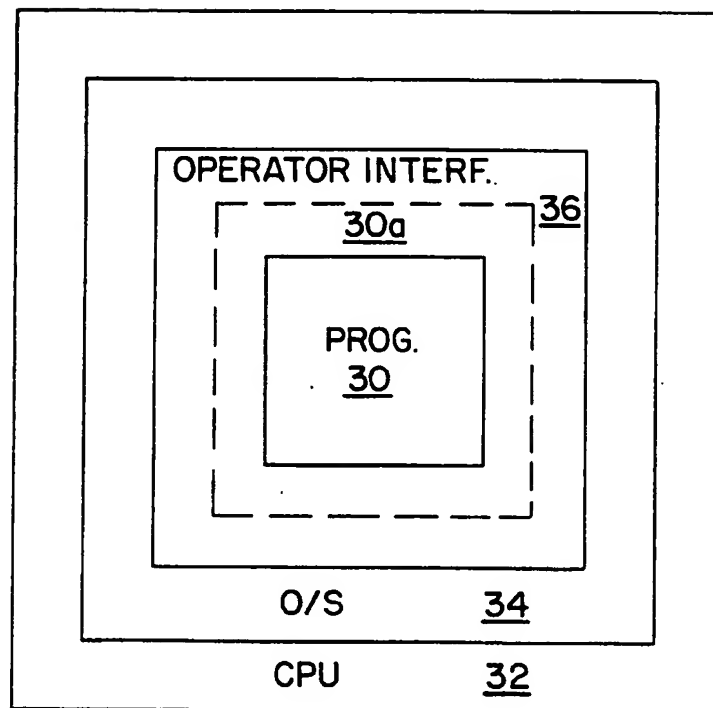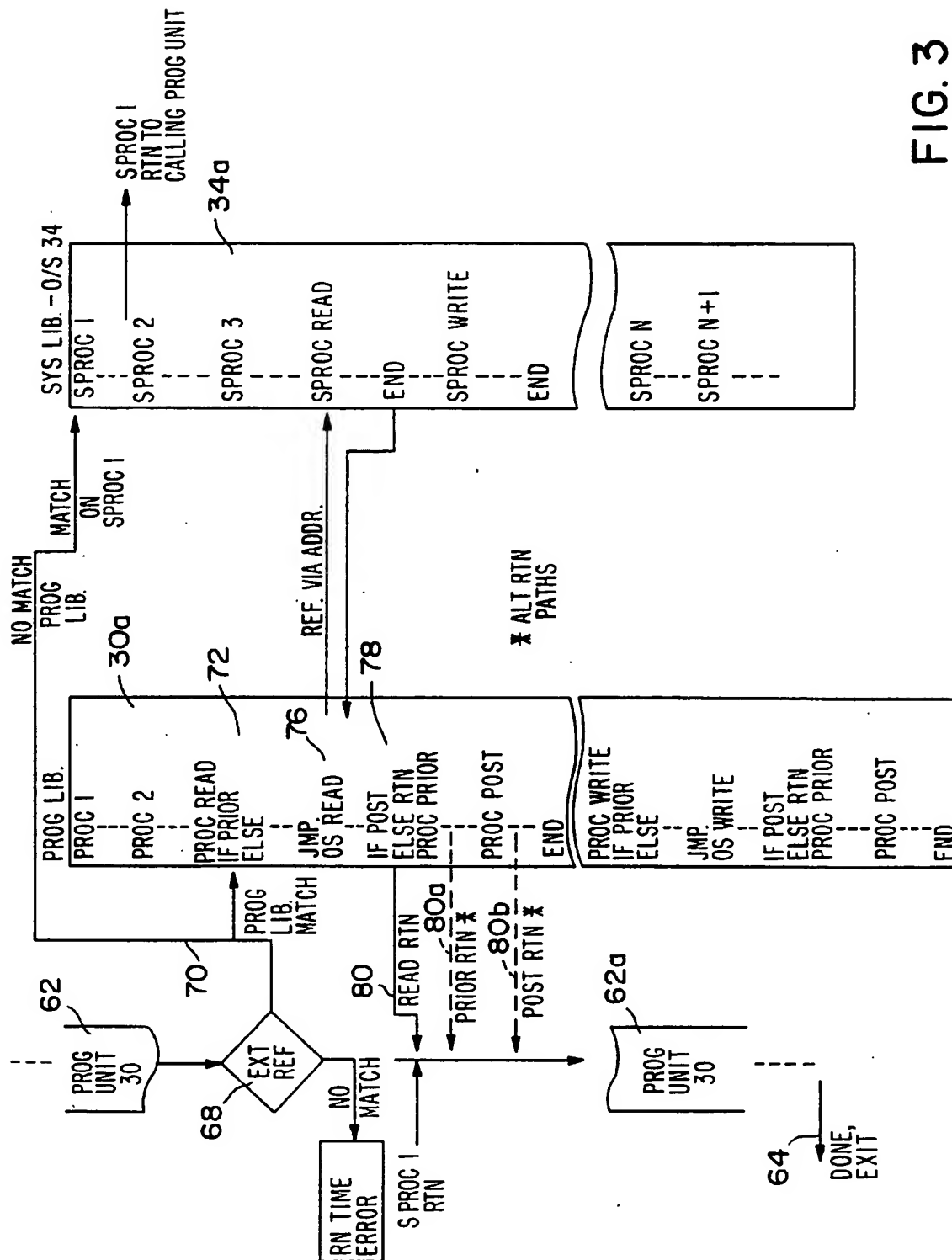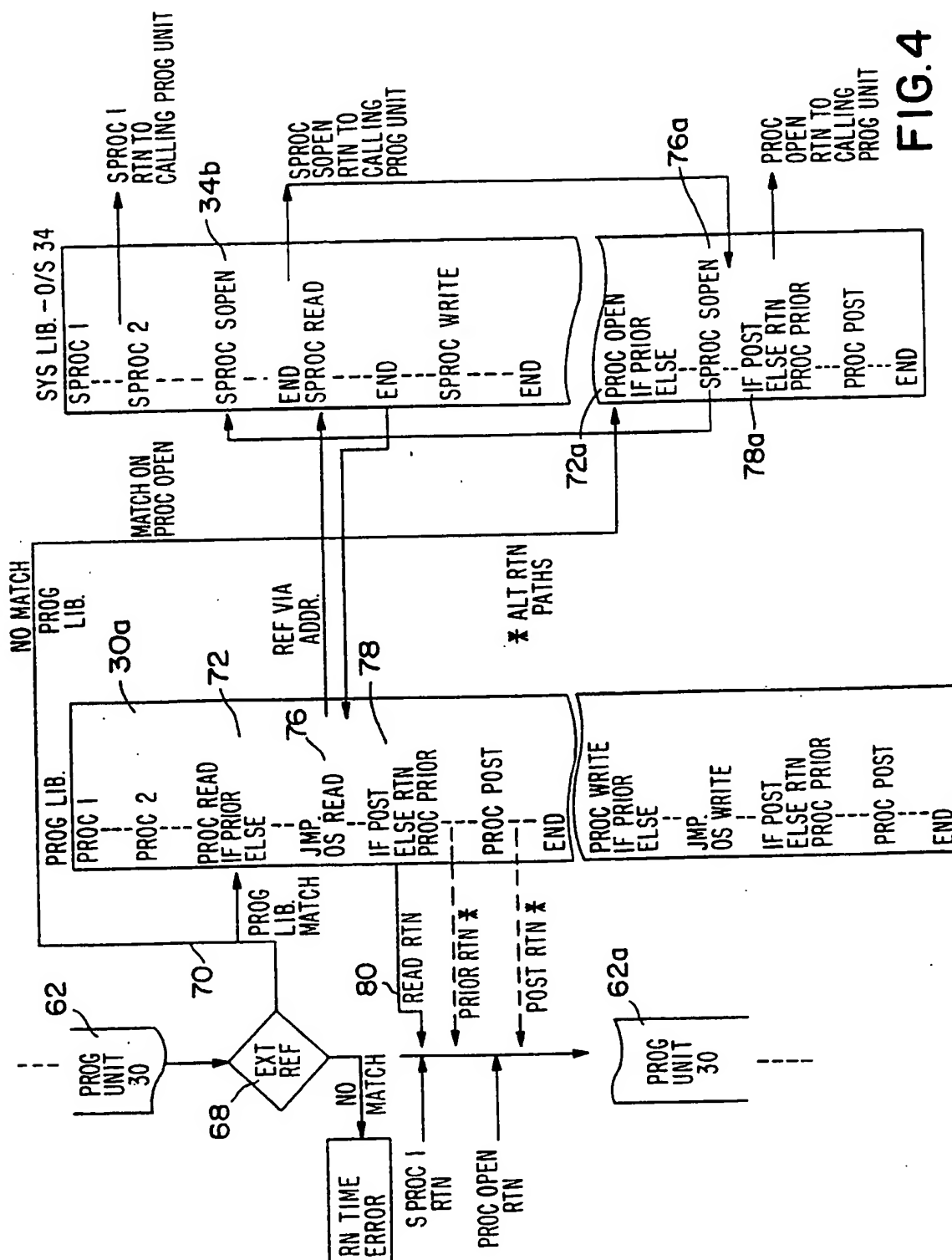after the detected step, thereby continuing the process.

FIG. 1

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FIG. 3

FIG. 4

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

A.	CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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